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Joe,

Please, will you consider the IDS issue again? I went over the requirements again today with my supervisor, Tom Hughes. It appears that Applicant is in full compliance with the IDS requirements, specially 37 CFR 1.98 as listed on pp.600-120 and 600-121 of the MPEP: 1) U.S. applications must be identified by the inventor, the eight digit application number (the two digit series code and the six digit serial number), and the filing date and 2) Each information disclosure statement must also include a legible copy of: For each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawings of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii) requires a copy of a pending U.S. application that is being cited in an IDS and copies have been provided.

Sincerely,



Chanda Harris